GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Upgradation of Railway Station
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kazhakootam railway station (KZK) caters to the technopark, which employs more than 40,000 Information Technology (IT) professionals and the Vikram Sarabhi Space Center;

(b) if so, whether the Government would consider adopting measures to upgrade the station in collaboration with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology with source funding from technopark companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways would consider upgrading KZK to "Adarsh" status and rename the station to Kazhakootam- Technopark station; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam. Kazhakuttam is the nearest station to Technopark and Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.

(b) & (c): Upgradation of station is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of the passenger traffic and inter-se priority subject to availability of funds. However, no such proposal has been received by Railways from the Ministry of Communication and Technology.

(d) & (e): Kazhakuttam Railway station has been identified for development under Adarsh station Scheme and the related works under this scheme have been completed during 2015-16. As per the existing guidelines, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, alone is the competent authority to approve change in the name of railway station on Indian Railways. It does so on the recommendation of the concerned State Government.
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